

❖ Cornerstone ❖

Scotts Hill, North Carolina

February, 2011

From the Co-Pastors...

“Since we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us, God did it for us. Out of sheer generosity he put us in right standing with himself. A pure gift. He got us out of the mess we’re in and restored us to where he always wanted us to be. And he did it by means of Jesus Christ.” Romans 3:23-3:24 from The Message, by Eugene Peterson.

Back in the 1930’s and 1940’s there was a popular radio show called “The Shadow”. There was a scary voice in each episode that would ask, “What evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows!” We all have a shadow and dark side. As believers we call this shadow side sin and evil. It’s inevitable....we come into the world as sinners and regardless of how hard we try to do right we succumb to sin.

In the wake of the recent tragedy in Tucson, Arizona, we are stunned, saddened and left asking lots of questions with no easy answers. We live in a fallen, broken world where the sin and evil that lurks in our hearts manifests itself in horrific ways. Now the GOOD NEWS! God doesn’t intend for us to be held captive by our shadow side! Christ has paid the price for my sin, your sin and the sin of the whole world. When we enter into a relationship with Christ and put our trust in Him, we are freely offered grace and forgiveness. Thanks to God’s love for us through His Son, Jesus Christ, we are no longer guilty. In spite of all the hurt and pain and all that is wrong in this world, God has set things right! Please don’t get discouraged and fall into despair. We are not left to our own devices. Christ has the final word: “In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

God Bless You and Keep You In His Care,
Andi

Thank you

We would like to thank the Church for all the calls, cards, and most of all the prayers in the loss of our granddaughter.

Love James & Pam Perry

The Congregation Celebrates with...

Vincent Sean Catino who was baptized on January 2. He was born June 3, 2010 and is the son of Gilbert and Kelly Catino and the brother of Sophia.

Aaron Lane Smith who was baptized on January 16. He was born July 25, 2010 and is the son of Andrew and Janene Smith and the brother of Hailey.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to...

The family of **Corinne Snyder** whose husband, Jack, died on January 1.

The family of **Jere Strawn** who died on January 2. He had been a member of WCUMC for the past year.

The family of **Bill and Jana Cottingham** on the death of Jana’s father, James L. Nichols, Jr., on January 2.

The family of **James and Pam Perry** whose granddaughter, Lyndsey Palmer, died on January 4.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY



February 6, 2011

Soup-or-Chili Lunch

Sponsored by Grace Circle

12:00pm Lee Hall



VEGETABLE SOUP

CHILI

CORNBREAD, BROWNIES

BEVERAGE

\$4.50/adult 2.50/child \$15 max/family

Take-outs

(\$7/qt. soup or chili, brownies & cornbread)

February Birthdays

1	Steve Vejvoda	12	Jim Lancaster
	Marie Millis	13	Cierra Bateman
2	Tommy Carter	14	Chelsea Evans
	Bill Applewhite		Virginia Teachey
	Christi Herring		James Huene
	Dan Jarvis	15	Terri Vejvoda
	Ethan Edens	16	Sara Allen
	Michael Jones		Richard Parker
3	Galen Harris		Jonathan O'Donnell
4	Malcolm Coogan	17	Carole Jacobsen
	Rachel Cameron	20	Carter Tarrer
	Velma Supplee		Steve Tyler
5	Melva O'Connor	21	Mitchell Thomas
6	Bradley Horne		Matt Davis
	David Priddy	24	George Robertson
7	Cameron Rhyne	25	George Gamble
	Betsy Glover		Linda Riggins
	Jonathan Batts	26	Katie Scheetz Hite
	Phyllis Blake		Kelly Wiggins
8	Luke Bartholomew	27	Harvey Holland
10	Jennifer Luper	28	Marsha Holland
11	Tom Melin		Allison Rambo
	Ann Hurd		
	Anthony Almony		

February Anniversaries

3	Randy and Sonya Greer
5	Stan and Nan Bozarth
7	Rick and Judy Odum
	Tom and Karen Morgan
16	Robert and Tuli Foy
17	Galen and Charlene Reed
21	Ralph and Ora Lee Simmons
	Bill and April Lee
23	Doug and Nancy Patterson

Kent State University Men's Chorus

IN CONCERT
(Once Again!)

Saturday, March 26, 2011 7:30 P.M.

Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church

Free to the public
Love Offering will be taken

WC members will you please help house these
men? Sign up outside the choir room today!!

Plan to attend this wonderful concert and bring
your friends.

NOTHING IS BETTER THAN MEN RAISING
THEIR VOICES IN SONG

February Volunteers

Ushers and Greeters

8:30am	Worship Service Ushers	James Steele, Dickie Spears, Woody Vinson
8:30am	Worship Service Greeters	6 Brad and Donna Updegrave, Shirley Parsons
		13 Dee Dee Egan, Gene Parker, Dameon, Shirley Parsons
		20 Robert and Phyllis Blake, Shirley Parsons
		27 George and Susan Gamble, Shirley Parsons
11:00am	Worship Service Ushers	6 James Hodges, Jamie Huene, Steve Tyler, Rob Pollock
		13 Jack Morgan, Larry Cunningham, Marie Millis, Richard Luther
		20 Ralph and Ora Lee Simmons. Gretchen Simmons, Tamara Slayton
		27 Larry and Barbara Thomas, Chauncey Colenda, Jack Colenda
11:00am	Worship Service Greeters	6 Tom and Linda Riggins, Shirley Parsons
		13 Ed and Shirley Holland, Shirley Parsons
		20 Clip and Debbie Davis, Shirley Parsons
		27 Ron and Jennifer Patterson, Shirley Parsons

Golf Cart Driver: Brian Lee

Nursery

6	Beth Gardner	13	Cheryl Lee
20	April Lee	27	Paige Crews

Children's Church

6	Karen Lowman, Amy Bullard	13	Alicia Boaz, Susan Albon
20	Tina Holland, Lou Reynolds	27	Meg Gillikin, Lisa Grogan

Bus Drivers

	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
6	Mike Landon	Steve Tyler
13	Gary Horne	Mitch Thomas
20	Mike Landon	Steve Beuth
27	Steve Flowers	Jack Morgan

Good Samaritan House Volunteers

5	Morning:	Jack Morgan, Wilda Moore
	Afternoon:	Virginia Perpall and Leslie Beuth
12	Morning:	Jackie Page, Nancy Kroeger
	Afternoon:	Arlene Rivenbark, Barbara Wicker
19	All Day:	Dee Dee Egan, Marie Miller, Sara Waters, Mary Sanders, Beth Sanders
26	Morning:	Melanie Willetts, Fran Maus
	Afternoon:	Judy Carter, Marie Millis

Friday Mornings 9:00 - 11:00

Sandy Wright, Jan Kinney, Larry and Cathy Bailey

Britt Haven North Chase Volunteers

6	Tess Reavis
13	Oleander United Methodist Church
20	Rick Glover
27	Vance Moore

We've got the J. O. Y., J. O. Y., J. O. Y., J. O. Y.

No more Senior Adult Gatherings for Wesleyan Chapel—*now those of us who are a bit more seasoned are known as the J. O. Y. Group, which stands for Just Older Youth*

Group. The J. O. Y. Group enjoyed a gathering in January where we shared a devotional, played games (Bridge, Dominoes Train, 5 Crowns, Scrabble Flash), feasted on Bronza's Brunswick Stew and Roma's Apple Dumplings, and just "chatted it up".

Our next gathering is set for Tuesday (3rd Tues. of each month), February 15th at 10 am. Rose Matthews will cook a big pot of soup for lunch and Beth Sanders is providing the dessert. Please join us for a morning of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite game and a friend or two. Don't like games? Come just to visit with your fellow OY (older youth). If you need a ride or want more information, contact Ginger at 686-4041 or gin-ger.wc@charter.net. Help us know how many we need to feed by calling to let us know you will attend.



YOUTH PARTY!

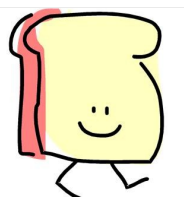


Pick your favorite team, bring a friend, and join us at the home of the Grubers (8804 Tilbury Dr. 686-4936) for our annual Youth Super Bowl Party from 5 pm until the halftime show concludes. Youth are encouraged to bring an appetizer

to share. Don't like football? Don't worry! We just hang out, critique commercials, play games, and eat. It's a fun time of fellowship.

Pick up and drop off are at the Grubers' home. If you need more info or directions, contact Ginger. Many thanks to the Grubers for hosting us.

YOUTH: It's your turn to make sandwiches for the Good Shepherd House on Monday, February 7th @ 5 PM. Sign up sheet for will be Youth



donations available at Group.

Confirmation 2011

Confirmation classes for 6th-12th grade youth are set to begin on Sunday, February 13th at 4 pm. Parents are **required** to attend the first 20 minutes of the first class. Classes should last for approximately 1 hour each week for 10 weeks. Attendance is required in order to be confirmed. We already have 10 youth signed up for these classes, which are designed to help youth grow in their faith in Christ and learn about the United Methodist Church, preparing them to make the decision to join the church. The classes will be led in small groups by mentors. Activities for this class include a weekend retreat and a pre-confirmation "late night".



If you are a 6th-12th grade youth who has not been through confirmation, you are encouraged to take these classes. Contact David, Andi, or Ginger to sign up or for more information.

Save the Date:
Vacation Bible School
June 20-24, 2011

THANK YOU FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE!

Your 2010 giving to both the unrestricted and restricted funds totaled \$654,079.73. Also the final payment of Wesleyan Chapel's Missional Apportionments for 2010, was paid to the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church by an anonymous donation of \$11,168.00, "made as a tribute to a generous and loving God." Our Endowment Fund grew by about \$12,670 in market value. And Kitty Lee and her family gave a significant gift of property beside our Chapel. **The Lord Provides!** We are grateful to God and to all of you for being responsive to the leading of God's Holy Spirit in making these gifts.

2010 Restricted Funds

Your designated giving totaled \$97,015.57. This helped pay for new choir robes, a new church sign, land surveys and deed transfers, the Central Conference Pension Initiative, mission teams to Costa Rica and Kentucky, special studies and ministry groups, 12,500 Stop Hunger Now meals, relocation of our Sanctuary sound system, needy family assistance at Thanksgiving and Christmas, and many other worthy causes. We start 2011 with about \$56,000 remaining in temporary restricted accounts to support the missions you have designated. CD's include \$181,440.45 from the DOT Settlement, \$37,136.27 in Building Reserves, and \$ 20,630.27 in Transportation Reserves.

2010 General Funds

Your undesignated giving totaled \$557,954 and \$22,600 transferred from other accounts was used to pay for special projects. 2010 ended with \$17,539.89 of unrestricted cash in the checking and operating reserve accounts (after subtracting outstanding liabilities and restricted cash). \$2508.38 sales tax refunds will be requested. Shares of stock are being sold valued at about \$6000. These proceeds will be placed in the General Fund to boost our unrestricted cash balance.

The 2010 General Fund Budget of \$642,295 included the requests by our committees. Some of these items were funded through designated gifts, done less expensively than estimated, or determined nonessential. We are grateful to our ministry teams and staff for their wise stewardship of God's resources.

Approved 2011 General Fund Budget

For several years our annual budget has significantly exceeded our expenses and giving. The Finance Committee and Church Council have developed a more realistic budget of \$587,898.22 after much discussion and prayers. About \$70,000 was painfully cut from committee requests but these are necessary given the current financial conditions in our community and nation. Some of our members remain unemployed, under-employed, or living on fixed incomes that have not increased in 2 years. God will provide the resources necessary for the mission to which he is calling us. Through your continued generosity the 2011 Budget can be fully funded and hopefully some, if not all, of the cut items restored.

These figures given are based on the best information currently available. Our annual audit will be conducted in the first half of 2011. Additional information is available in the Church Office and details are available upon request.

This congregation shows its love in many ways. We are blessed daily by your gifts of time, talent, contributions and prayers. THANK YOU!

Sincerely, Jay Peterson, Chair—Finance Committee

Budget Prorated for first 3 weeks \$33,917.22 Giving YTD thru Jan. 16 \$32,438.37 Giving YTD last year \$34,468.48
Shortfall through Jan. 16 \$1,478.85

TRUSTEES HAPPENINGS

Property expansion – Wesleyan Chapel just got a little fatter during the Christmas season and it's not due to eating a lot of food and candy. Our expansion is due to the generous donation by Kitty Lee of a piece of property along Highway 17 on the other side of the Chapel. We are very grateful for the donation of this property as it provides opportunities for us to grow in the future.

Church sign – The message portion of our sign will be arriving at Wilmington Sign Company around January 26th and they hope to install it the week of the 31st. Steele Electrical has been at work the past few weeks getting the electrical work done. Many thanks go to James Steele and his employees for hooking us up.

It's not too late to make a contribution to the sign. If you would like to support this project, you can place your gift in the offering plate and indicate that it is for the "SIGN". We just ask that any giving to this project not impact your giving to our regular budget which supports the ongoing mission and ministry of our church.

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<p>6 Holy Communion 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:55am Andi's Study 12:00pm Grace Circle Soup-or-Chili Lunch 5:00pm UMYF Super Bowl Party</p>		<p>1 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 3:30pm Girl Scouts-3594 5:30pm Brownies 6:00pm God and Family 7pm Girl Scouts-1164 7pm Boy Scouts 7pm Missions Committee</p>	<p>2 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:00pm DVD Study 4:30pm K-5 Alive! 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>3 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Night Light Service</p>	<p>4 9:30am Mother's Connection</p>	<p>5</p>
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<p>13 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:55am Andi's Study 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm UMYF</p>	<p>14 3:30pm <u>Captivating_Book</u> Study 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Craft Circle</p>	<p>15 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 10am J.O.Y. group 3:30pm Girl Scouts-3594 5:30pm Brownies 6:00pm God and Family 7pm Girl Scouts-1164</p>	<p>16 9:00am Lydia Abbey 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:30pm K-5 Alive! 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>17 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Night Light Service with dinner following</p>	<p>18 9:30am Mother's Connection</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 Cornerstone Deadline 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:55am Andi's Study 12:00pm Costa Rica mission presentation 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm UMYF</p>	<p>21 3:30pm <u>Captivating_Book</u> Study</p>	<p>22 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 3:30pm Girl Scouts-3594 6:00pm God and Family 7pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>23 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:30pm K-5 Alive! 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting</p>	<p>24 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Night Light Service 7:30pm Costa Rica mission presentation</p>	<p>25 9:30am Mother's Connection</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 Pennies for Hunger 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:55am Andi's Study 4:00pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm UMYF</p>	<p>28 3:30pm <u>Captivating_Book</u> Study</p>	<h1 style="color: red;">February 2011</h1>				

COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

June 25-July 2, 2011

Adult Foreign Missions

There will be two *Orientation Presentations* open to our congregation!

- *Sunday, February 20, 2011* - Soup and Sandwich Luncheon following 11:00 service, Fellowship Hall
- *Thursday, February 24, 2011* - Presentation 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

We would like to take these two opportunities to introduce this Mission Trip to our congregation. Welcome, if you are interested in going, interested in praying for or supporting the team financially, or curious about our church's involvement! The presentations will be a chance to see how last year's trip unfolded and learn how you can be a part of this year's team physically or spiritually. We will answer your questions: Who? What? When? Where? and How much?

Please contact me if you have any questions between now and then ~ Lindsy Jones (704) 502-6755 or lpjjones@gmail.com

FREE TAX PREPARATION

You can have your income taxes done free of charge again this year, as the AARP sponsored income tax preparation service known as Taxaide, is for the fifth consecutive year, offering FREE tax preparation and e-filing service to Hampstead area residents of all ages, including seniors. This free service is offered through the efforts of volunteers who are trained and certified to IRS criteria.

This service will be offered beginning February 1st at the Hampstead Library each Monday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM; and at the Topsail Senior Center each Wednesday, also from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Walk-ins are welcome, as taxpayers will be served on a first come, first served basis. Electronic filing reportedly speeds up the refund process so that, in some instances, taxpayers receive refunds within eight days after filing.

Taxpayers should bring social security cards for themselves and dependents, W-2's from each employer, statements of unemployment income, SSA-1099 if a recipient of social security benefits, all 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc); also, 1099-R if you received a pension or IRA/401-k distribution, information on dependent care providers (name, employer ID number – or SS# if an individual), receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions, and a copy of the 2009 tax return, if available.



FEBRUARY MISSION FOCUS

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Costa Rica Foreign Mission Trip

W.A.R.M. PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry (WARM) February Pancake Breakfast will feature celebrity chefs Shann and Octavia Coleman, founders of the Wilmington Minority Professionals Networking Group and music by local violinist Annie Jewell. Saturday February 12, 7:30-11:00 am at Trinity UMC Family Life Center, 4008 South College Rd. (beside Cape Fear Academy). \$5 buys all the pancakes and sausage you can eat. Proceeds will help WARM make repairs for those living in substandard housing. www.warmnc.org



PENNIES FOR HUNGER

1 Timothy 6:17-19. "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life." Those who have money must be generous, but they may not be arrogant just because they have a lot to give. They must be careful not to put their hope in money instead of the living God for their security. Even if we do not have material wealth, we can be rich in good deeds. No matter how poor we are, we have something to share with others. Do we really give enough -- time, money, assistance -- in church and community? Even more, do we give without expecting something in return? After all, we are doing it for God and God's people.

Our Pennies for Hunger collection for December was very slim, less than ten dollars, except for a \$50.00 check given by a generous contributor. For the year 2010, the basket yielded \$1510.87. We started the year with \$230.62, for a total of \$1740.87. We gave \$1400.00 to help feed hungry mouths, leaving \$340.87 to begin the year 2011. Many thanks to all who participated in this program during the past year and please keep in mind that the last Sunday of every month is PENNIES FOR HUNGER SUNDAY.

God's Blessings to all ---- Pete Holman

Lydia Abbey Circle
Beth Sanders, 686-4127

Although our first meeting of the year was cancelled because of inclement weather, we are excited and thrilled to begin preparations for Bazaar 2011. Ladies of the church! We invite you to come and join us this new year with some of your new ideas! Suggestions from anyone reading this will be welcomed. As always, craft materials will be appreciated but we need some specific items for some new projects that have been presented for consideration. The list is varied, so here goes:

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| odds & ends of doll clothes | metal coffee cans |
| children's hats/toboggans | scallop seashells |
| children's wooden chairs | alphabet blocks |
| chandelier bulbs, any size | silver spoons |
| appliance light bulbs | corks |
| weathered wood pieces | scraps of fleece |
| large acorns with caps | peach pits |
| empty hunting shell casings, any size | |

For Bazaar 2011, we would like to offer some *one-of-a-kind* pieces. If you have a finished craft or piece of art or would be willing to work on an item of your talent for donation, our Circle would be most appreciative. Specifically, if anyone is willing to cross-stitch or crochet a project at home, please let us know.

The February meetings are scheduled for Monday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m. and again on Wednesday, February 16 from 9:00 - 3:00. All crafting sessions take place in the Chapel. This is a very comfortable place to work. Treat yourself to one of our sessions. We welcome anyone who would care to join the group, for the day, or for an hour or two.

Shirley Marie Millis

VISITING DISCIPLES

The Visiting Disciples wish to thank everyone who helped make this Christmas a very merry one for some of the residents at Davis Health Care and Champions. The Christmas Caroling, the gift bags, the beautiful afghans made by Aletha Foster, all the help from Beth Sanders, the Good Sam House, and all the love shown to us and to them truly touched so many hearts.

Please take time to view the bulletin board near the choir room and see the smiles you help bring to these people. We also wish to thank each of you who have helped in other ways. We thank the wonderful people who have donated altar flowers to Davis, which are so much appreciated and enjoyed by so many.

God bless you in 2011.....

Geri Yow



Grace Circle
Delores Ryals, 686-4559

The Grace Circle met January 13th at the home of Hilda Merrill. We will have our Super Bowl Chili Fundraiser on February 6th after church services. There were inserts in recent bulletins with all the information about the fundraiser. Make your plans now to eat at church, then go home and enjoy the game.

In January we discussed the first lesson in our study book, "Discovering God's Will for Your Life." Gladys Booz facilitated the study.

Grace Circle will prepare and serve a meal for the UNCW Focus Group on March 22nd as an outreach project for the circle. Anyone interested in helping with this please contact Gladys Booz.

Our February meeting will be at the home of Deloris McGwier at 1:00 on February 10th. We will discuss lesson 2 "God's Will is Relationship". If you are not a member of a circle we invite you to join us for the study of God's word and great fellowship.

Judy Clemmons, Recording Secretary

LIFT
Brandi Holland, bholland9@ec.rr.com, 319-7354

The beginning of the new year has brought a new small group to Wesleyan Chapel. "Ladies In Fellowship Together" or LIFT, as it is affectionately referred to by its members, is a group of young women that meet the first Monday of each month. Our primary focus will be on fellowship and missions that will serve others in our community. Through prayer and service, we will encourage one other in our walk with Christ.

The ladies of LIFT are looking forward to our next meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, February 7th at the home of Michelle Pearsall.

If you are interested in learning more about LIFT and all that we have planned, please contact Brandi Holland or any LIFT member.

Love in Christ,

Meg Adkins, Publicity Coordinator
612-9225

**EMAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED FOR OUR
NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

Wesleyan Chapel is planning on including email addresses in our new pictorial directory! Please let Ann in the church office know if you **do not** want your email address included. Also, if Ann does not have your email address and you would like it included, please email Ann at wesleyanchapel2@charter.net.



You're invited to...
Wesleyan Chapel's First Annual
Family Camp 2011

Please join us *April 29-May 1* for a fun filled weekend enjoying the incredible outdoors at *Camp Don Lee!* Bring your children, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, grandparents, etc. to enjoy the weekend. All family members are welcome!

The cost:

Infants: Free
1-4 year olds: \$15.00
5-100 year olds: \$86.00

The cost includes:

2 Nights of Lodging in cabins and 5 meals provided by the camp. Activities include swimming, archery, sailing, canoeing, basketball, volleyball, campfires, etc. and, of course, fellowship with your family and fellow church members. Camp Don Lee is located on the scenic north shore of the Neuse River. For more information on the camp, please visit <http://www.donleecenter.org>.

Registration and payment are due by March 1, 2011 to secure your spot. You may sign up in bulletin inserts in the next few weeks. Hope to see you then! For more information, please contact Allison Rambo, ajrambo@gmail.com.



COMMUNITY HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

“A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

I know I probably say this every year, but it's a true statement each time. I am awed by the generosity of this congregation. I am truly blessed through my involvement in this program each year as I see how our congregation reaches out to share God's love with those who are in need, and how appreciative the recipients are for the assistance. Each year as it comes time for me to make a commitment for how many families and children we will assist I am concerned about putting too heavy a burden on the church. No matter how many I say we will help, you as a congregation give so generously that I always end up adding more to our list. I just want to share with you a response from one of our families. “We are grateful with God first and then with you because my children received so many presents they prayed for this year. Their names are Boris, Bryan, and Benjamin. I feel rejoiced because there still stand men and women like you and your congregation that stand out to make a difference. I would like to know who were the wonderful people that did this event so I can put them on my prayer list. God is Almighty and he blessed us by using your pastor and your congregation. Thank you and I hope to hear from you all soon.”

A **HUGE THANKS** goes out to each and everyone of you who contributed to this ministry, for the gifts you bought, the food you donated, the monetary donations, for Grace Circle who coordinated the October toy drive, the groups who exchanged toys at Christmas parties and then donated the toys to our ministry, Pennies for Hunger for help with Christmas food baskets, the assistance with sorting the food, wrapping gifts, the assistance with shopping and pick-up/delivery of gifts. A special thanks to Bill and Sandra Stephenson for their generous donation for the Thanksgiving food basket turkeys and gift cards for nonperishable food items. It takes the entire church to carry out this ministry. It is because of each of you that we were able to provide gifts for 65 children, food boxes for 27 families at Christmas and 18 families at Thanksgiving. We were really rolling this year as we had 8 children receive bicycles, 2 tricycles, and one family received a wagon. Our Visiting Disciples assisted us by delivering approximately 20 bags to those in Davis Nursing Home during their weekly visit.

Again, **THANK YOU** for your support and assistance in making this program such a blessing to so many.

Your Holiday Assistance Coordinators.

Beth Sanders, Phyllis Blake and Dee Dee Egan

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FEBRUARY 2011

ELECTRONIC CORNERSTONE?

The church committees are each being asked to think outside the box and find better and more cost effective ways to serve our Lord.

The Finance Committee is seeking ways to reduce unnecessary overhead so more of your contributions will go to the mission of Wesleyan Chapel - saving souls for Christ. It recommends the monthly Cornerstone be sent electronically to those who have email addresses. Even if not all receive by email, this will save the church about \$1000 per year. This money can help serve the youth, young families, the elderly, home and foreign missions, education, and feeding the hungry, to name a few.

Most organizations including many churches in our area have used this method to communicate with its members for years. In some respects we are playing catch-up. We already receive emails from Wesleyan Chapel for meetings, notices, circulation of minutes, etc.

Advantages are numerous such as:

- Color photos or announcements can be inserted.
- It will be received the same day it is sent, not depending on the US Mail service.
- It will reduce paper waste except pages you decide to print it at home.
- It can remain on your computer as a daily reminder of events coming up and remain there as long as you wish.
- It will reduce staff time, giving them more time to devote to other aspects of ministry.
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We welcome your input in ways we can reduce overhead. If you oppose the use of electronic email for the CORNERSTONE, please also let Ann or me know.

Please pray for Wesleyan Chapel daily that we are doing God's will.

Jay Peterson, Chair, Finance Committee